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MEETINGS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN 1990

Dates	Venue	Title
2-12 January	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa
8-12 January	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (pre-sessional Working Group)
8-19 January	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Open-ended Working Group on the draft body of principles and guarantees for the protection of persons detained on grounds of mental ill-health or suffering from mental disorder
15 January	New York	Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (third session)
15-26 January	Geneva	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (second session)
15 January - 2 February	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (fourth session)
16 January	New York	States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (thirteenth meeting)
17 January	New York	Economic and Social Council - Election of Bureau
17-19 January	New York	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (pre-sessional Working Group)
17-26 January	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
22-26 January	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Situations which Reveal a Consistent Pattern of Gross Violations of Human Rights
22-26 January	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Group of Three established under the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Dates	Venue	Title
22 January - 2 February	New York	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (ninth session)
24 January	New York	Committee for the United Nations Population Award
24-25 January	Vienna	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East
24-26 January	New York	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (twenty-seventh session)
29 January - 2 February	Vienna	Commission on Narcotic Drugs (eleventh special session)
29 January - 9 March	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights (forty-sixth session)
5-6 February	New York	Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (fifth session)
5-16 February	Vienna	Committee on Crime Prevention and Control (eleventh session)
6-9 February	New York	Economic and Social Council (organizational session)
12-14 February	New York	Preparatory Committee of the Whole for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Question of International Co-operation against Illicit Production, Supply, Demand, Trafficking and Distribution of Narcotic Drugs (second session)
12-16 February	Geneva	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget (nineteenth session)
20-23 February	New York	Special Session of the General Assembly to consider the Question of International Co-operation against Illicit Production, Supply, Demand, Trafficking and Distribution of Narcotic Drugs
20-23 February	New York	UNDP - Governing Council (organizational meeting and special session)
26 February - 2 March	New York	Preparatory Committee of the Whole for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to International Economic Co-operation, in particular to the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (second session)

Dates	Venue	Title
26 February - 9 March	Vienna	Commission on the Status of Women (thirty-fourth session)
5-16 March	New York	Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1992
12-16 March	New York	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications
12-23 March	Geneva	UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board (thirty-sixth session, second part)
13-23 March	New York	Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (eighth session)
19 March - 6 April	New York	Human Rights Committee (thirty-eighth session)
19-23 March	New York	Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (resumed third session)
19-28 March	Kuala Lumpur	ESCAP (forty-sixth session)
20 March	New York	United Nations/FAO World Food Programme Pledging Conference
21-23 March	New York	Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III
26 March - 4 April	New York	Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (fifth session)
26 March - 6 April	Geneva	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries (seventh session)
First quarter	New York	UNDP - Working Group of the Committee of the Whole
2 April	New York	Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (organizational session)
2-10 April	New York	Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for Development (tenth session)
2-11 April	New York	Commission on Transnational Corporations (sixteenth session)

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Dates	Venue	Title
April	New York	Preparatory Committee of the Whole for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to International Economic Co-operation, in particular to the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (third session)
16-27 April	New York	UNICEF - Executive Board, Committee on Administration and Finance, Programme Committee
18-28 April	Geneva	Economic Commission for Europe (forty-fifth session)
23-27 April	New York	Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to International Economic Co-operation, in particular to the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries
30 April - 4 May	New York	Committee for Development Planning (twenty-sixth session)
April	Addis Ababa	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of Regional Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African Region
1-25 May	New York	Economic and Social Council (first regular session)
7 May - 8 June	New York	Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (thirtieth session, first part)
21 May - 1 June	Vienna	International Narcotics Control Board (forty-seventh session)
28 May - 22 June	Geneva	UNDP - Governing Council (thirty-seventh session)
28 May - 22 June	Geneva	UNDP - Governing Council - Budgetary and Finance Committee
May/June	Rome	Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (twenty-ninth session)
4-8 June	New York	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
4-15 June	New York	Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (fourth session)
2-6 July	Geneva	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications

Dates	Venue	Title
2-13 July	New York	Group of Qualified Governmental Experts to Undertake a Study on the Role of the United Nations in the Field of Verification (fourth session)
4-27 July	Geneva	Economic and Social Council (second regular session)
9-27 July	Geneva	Human Rights Committee (thirty-ninth session)
23 July - 3 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications
30 July - 3 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations
30 July - 3 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Group of Five on Slavery
6-24 August	Geneva	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (thirty-ninth session)
6-31 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (forty-second session)
27 August - 7 September	Havana	Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders
1-12 October	Geneva	UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board (thirty-seventh session, first part)
8-25 October	Vienna	International Narcotics Control Board (forty-eighth session)
10-14 October	Bangkok	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies - Asia and Pacific Region
15-19 October	Geneva	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications
22 October - 9 November	Geneva	Human Rights Committee (fortieth session)
October	New York	Joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

Dates	Venue	Title
October	New York	Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (second regular session)
October	To be determined	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East
October	Rome	Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (thirtieth session)
19-23 November	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (pre-sessional Working Group)
26 November - 14 December	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (fifth session)
November	New York	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities
3-12 December	Geneva	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (sixteenth session)
3-14 December	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa

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RESOLUTION AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL at its ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR 1990*

17 January and 6-9 February 1990

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RESOLUTION

1990/1. Emergency assistance to Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Wallis and Futuna

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned at the devastation caused to Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Wallis and Futuna by cyclone "Ofa" from 2 to 6 February 1990, which resulted in loss of life, destruction of housing and extensive damage to economic and social infrastructure, as well as to agricultural, transport and industrial sectors,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/236 of 22 December 1989, by which it proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, beginning on 1 January 1990,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 43/189 of 20 December 1988 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

Recalling further that Samoa and Tuvalu have been designated by the General Assembly as least developed countries,

Conscious of the efforts of the Governments concerned and the peoples of Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Wallis and Futuna to save lives and alleviate the sufferings of the victims of cyclone "Ofa",

Noting the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

Conscious also of the prompt response being made by Governments, the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, international and regional agencies, non-governmental organizations and private individuals to provide relief to the affected countries and territories,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium-term and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts being made by the Governments concerned and the peoples of the affected countries and territories, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure broad multilateral co-operation in meeting the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and to initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. Expresses its solidarity and support to the Governments concerned and the peoples of Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Wallis and Futuna;

2. Expresses its appreciation to all members of the international community, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief to the affected countries and territories;

3. Urges all members of the international community to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries and territories;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the international financial institutions and the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, to assist the Governments of the affected countries and territories in identifying the medium-term and long-term needs and in mobilizing resources, and to help with the task of reconstruction of the affected countries and territories being undertaken by their respective Governments;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1990, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

4th plenary meeting
9 February 1990

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I

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1990

A. Items for consideration at the first regular session of 1990

(1-25 May 1990)

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 9 February 1990, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed basic programme of work for 1990 and 1991 submitted by the Secretary-General, 1/ approved the following list of items for consideration at its first regular session of 1990:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. 2/
2. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.
3. Human rights questions.
4. Advancement of women.
5. Social development.
6. Narcotic drugs.
7. Elections, nominations and appointments.
8. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1990.

B. Allocation of items for the first regular session of 1990

2. The Council decided to allocate the items for consideration at its first regular session of 1990 as follows: items 1, 2, 7 and 8 would be considered in plenary meetings; and items 3 to 6, by the Second (Social) Committee.

C. Items for consideration at the second regular session of 1990

(Geneva, 4-27 July 1990)

3. The Council also approved, subject to rule 9, paragraph 4, of its rules of procedure, the following list of items for consideration at its second regular session of 1990:

1/ E/1990/1 and Add.1.

2/ Under this item the Council will hear an oral report on emergency assistance to Somalia (General Assembly resolution 44/178).

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. 3/

2. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments.

3. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council.

4. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

5. Regional co-operation.

6. Development and international economic co-operation: 4/

   (a) Trade and development;

   (b) International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade;

   (c) World Food Council;

   (d) Transnational corporations;

   (e) Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

   (f) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;

   (g) International co-operation in tax matters.

7. International co-operation in the field of informatics.

8. Operational activities for development.

9. Co-ordination questions.

10. Programme questions.

3/ Under this item the Council will hear an oral report on the convening of an international meeting on population in 1994 (Council resolution 1989/91).

4/ For its consideration of the item, the Council agreed on the following clustering of sub-items:

First part: sub-item (a);

Second part: sub-item (b);

Third part: sub-items (d) and (g);

Fourth part: sub-items (c), (e) and (f).

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

12. Disaster reduction and relief:

(a) International strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa;

(b) Disaster relief co-ordination.

13. Special economic and humanitarian assistance.

14. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. 5/

Reports brought to the attention of the Council

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D. Allocation of items for the second regular session of 1990

4. The Council decided to allocate the items for consideration at its second regular session of 1990 as follows: items 1 to 4 and 14 would be considered in plenary meetings; items 5 to 7, by the First (Economic) Committee; and items 8 to 13, by the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee.

E. Letter dated 1 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

5. The Council decided to consider the proposal contained in the letter dated 1 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, 6/ concerning the question of an international convention on the rights of disabled people, at its first regular session under the item entitled "Social development".

5/ In accordance with Council resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decides otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time its agenda is adopted.

6/ E/1990/19.

F. Advisory opinion delivered by the International Court of Justice on 15 December 1989 in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/75 on the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations

6. The Council decided to consider the letter dated 22 December 1989 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Economic and Social Council, 7/ transmitting the advisory opinion delivered by the International Court of Justice on 15 December 1989 in pursuance of Council resolution 1989/75 on the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, at its first regular session under the item entitled "Human rights questions".

G. Reports of the World Food Council and the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

7. The Council decided that, when considering at its second regular session the reports of the World Food Council on its sixteenth session and the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its fifth session, it would not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained in those reports that required action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the co-ordination aspects of the work of those bodies.

H. Report of the Trade and Development Board

8. The Council decided to consider at its second regular session the report of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the second part of its thirty-sixth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session the report of the Board on the first part of its thirty-seventh session.

I. Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

9. The Council decided to consider the question of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at its second regular session under the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation: trade and development", and decided to devote one plenary meeting to its consideration.

J. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

10. The Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its work during 1989.

7/ E/1990/15 and Add.1.

K. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

11. The Council decided that, when considering at its second regular session the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirty-seventh session, it would not consider the part of the report dealing with the United Nations Population Fund, except for the recommendations contained therein that required action by the Council.

L. Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti

12. The Council decided to consider the recommendation contained in resolution WHA 42.15, entitled "Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti", adopted by the forty-second World Health Assembly, 8/ at its second regular session under the item entitled "Special economic and humanitarian assistance".

M. Report of the task force on documentation

13. The Council, having considered the report of the task force on documentation, 9/ requested the task force to prepare a final report for consideration at its second regular session under the item entitled "Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council".

N. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

14. The Council decided to focus, at its second regular session, in its general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments (item 2), on the issue of resources for development and external indebtedness of the developing countries.

O. Regional co-operation

15. The Council decided to consider at its second regular session, under the item entitled "Regional co-operation", in pursuance of paragraph 1 (h) of Council resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 and taking into account the joint recommendations made by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions 10/ pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 of 30 July 1982, the following two questions on an exceptional basis: (a) interretional co-operation in international trade

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8/ E/1990/L.13, annex.

9/ E/1990/13.

10/ See E/1990/L.14.

facilitation and (b) monitoring and assessment of illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes: regional and interregional co-operation in this field.

P. Annual policy review of operational activiites for development

16. The Council, recalling its decision 1989/186 of 28 July 1989 concerning arrangements for the 1990 annual policy review of operational activities, decided:

(a) To conduct its annual policy review of operational activities for development for 1990 and to focus on ways and means of ensuring the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, including the proposed three-year schedule for implementation of the resolution by all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

(b) To reiterate the request contained in its resolution 1989/114 of 28 July 1989 that the subsidiary bodies concerned highlight policy recommendations and decisions resulting from their deliberations for consideration and appropriate action by the Council;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to make available the necessary documentation for this item in strict compliance with the relevant rules of procedure of the Council.

II

QUESTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1991

17. The Council takes note of the following list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work for 1991: 11/

A. First regular session of 1991

(7-31 May 1991)

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolutions 38/14, 39/16 and 40/22 and Council resolutions 1984/43 and 1985/19)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Non-governmental organizations

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV))

Public administration and finance

Report of the Secretary-General on the Tenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (Council decision 1989/114)

Statistical and cartographic questions

(a) Statistics

Report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-sixth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L))

(b) Cartography

Report of the Secretary-General on the Twelfth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Council decision 1987/136)

Human rights questions

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

11/ E/1990/1/Add.1.

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-seventh session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Documentation for information

Relevant reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies

Advancement of women

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-fifth session (Council resolution 1987/21 and General Assembly resolution 42/62)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session (Council resolution 10 (II))

Question of the International Year of the Family (General Assembly resolution 44/82)

Question of policies and programmes involving youth (General Assembly resolution 44/59)

Question of extreme poverty (Council resolution 1988/47)

Question of the preparatory activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action on Aging, in 1992 (Council resolution 1989/50)

Interim report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work being done within the United Nations system to improve and further develop quantitative and qualitative indicators that measure accurately the social condition and the standards of living of the world's population, particularly in developing countries (Council resolution 1989/72)

Narcotic drugs

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fourth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1990 (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 and article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971)

B. Second regular session of 1991

(Geneva, 3-26 July 1991)

General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments (General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

World Economic Survey

Summaries of the surveys of the economic conditions of the five regions, prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries (General Assembly resolution 3335 (XXIX) and Council resolution 1987/92)

Executive summaries of the activities of the specialized agencies (Council resolution 1989/114, para. 11)

Regional co-operation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional co-operation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174) and the findings and conclusions of the regional commissions on the traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes (General Assembly resolution 44/226, part I)

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 1989/119)

Development and international economic co-operation

Trade and development

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

World Food Council

Report of the World Food Council on its seventeenth session (General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)) 12/

12/ The report will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1991.

Science and technology for development

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its eleventh session (General Assembly resolution 34/218) 13/

Transnational corporations

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its seventeenth session (Council resolution 1913 (LVII))

Natural resources

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its twelfth session (Council resolution 1535 (XLIX))

Population

Report of the Population Commission on its twenty-sixth session (Council resolutions 3 (III), 150 (VII), 1986/7 and 1989/91)

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the convening of an international meeting on population in 1994 (Council resolution 1989/91)

Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of world population trends and policies (Council resolution 1985/4) 14/

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population (Council resolution 1985/4) 14/

Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of multilateral population assistance (Council resolution 1985/4) 14/

Relevant parts of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Population Fund (Council resolution 1986/7)

Human settlements

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on progress made in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162, 43/180, 43/181 and Council resolution 1978/1) 13/

13/ The report will be considered by the General Assembly in 1991.

14/ Pursuant to Council resolution 1985/4, these reports are submitted to the Council through the Population Commission. In implementation of Council resolutions 1982/50, 1988/77 and 1989/114, subject to the approval of the Council, it is proposed that these reports be issued henceforth as documents of the Population Commission.

Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories (General Assembly resolution 44/174)

Environment

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 44/224) 13/

Report of the Secretary-General on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal (General Assembly resolution 44/226, part III)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the General Assembly resolution on the implementation of Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 (General Assembly resolution 44/227)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on possible adverse effects of sea-level rise on islands and coastal areas, particularly low-lying coastal areas (General Assembly resolution 44/206)

Desertification and drought

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa (Council resolution 1989/103 and General Assembly decision 44/437)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (General Assembly resolution 44/172 A and B)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (Council resolution 1978/37 and General Assembly resolution 40/209)

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

Transport of dangerous goods

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII), 1983/7 and 1989/104)

Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178)

Operational activities for development

Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 41/171, 44/171 and 44/211)

Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the implementation of the resolution entitled "Comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (General Assembly resolution 44/211)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirty-eighth session (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX))

Technical co-operation activities of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)) 13/

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Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (Council resolution 1762 (LIV))

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Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134) 13/

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX))

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 802 (VIII))

Co-ordination questions

Reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirty-first session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1990 (Council resolution 13 (III))

Report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees (Council resolutions 1171 (XLI), 1472 (XLVIII) and 2008 (LX) and 1988/64)

Review of the implementation of Council resolution 1988/64 on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (Council resolution 1988/64)

World Decade for Cultural Development

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolutions 41/187 and 44/238)

International Literacy Year

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for International Literacy Year (General Assembly resolution 44/127)

System-wide co-ordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 1989/105)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))

Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement provided by the agencies and institutions within the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 33/183 K)

Programme and related questions

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 (Council resolution 1988/77 and General Assembly resolutions 37/234, 41/213, 42/211, 42/215, 43/219, 44/194 and 44/200)

Report of the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination on its thirty-first session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

(b) Calendar of conferences

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992-1993 (Council decision 52 (LVII))

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 44/236)

Special economic and humanitarian assistance

Oral reports on special programmes of economic and humanitarian assistance

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 15/

United Nations University

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)) 16/

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Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

1990/202. Dates of the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 9 February 1990, the Economic and Social Council decided that the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, which was to have been convened at Headquarters from 5 to 16 March 1990, would be held from 13 to 23 March 1990.

1990/203. Forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 9 February 1990, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1989/183 of 28 July 1989 and having considered the note by the Secretariat regarding the change of venue of the forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific 17/ decided that the forty-sixth session of the Commission would be held at Bangkok from 4 to 13 June 1990.

15/ In accordance with Council resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should be transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decides otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time its agenda is adopted.

16/ The report will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1991.

17/ E/1990/L.12.

1990/204. Reconvened special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 9 February 1990, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the letter dated 25 January 1990 from the Chairman presiding at the special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, 18/ decided to reconvene the special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations for one day on 24 May 1990, with a view to concluding the work on the formulation of the code of conduct on transnational corporations for transmission to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session.

1990/205. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/77 and 1989/114

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 9 February 1990, the Economic and Social Council, stressing the importance of full implementation of its resolutions 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 and 1989/114 of 28 July 1989, decided:

(a) To hold discussions in 1990 on the following issue:
12The impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular, on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic co-operation.

The discussions would be carried out in accordance with paragraph 22 of Council resolution 1989/114. Accordingly, the Council shall devote one day at its second regular session of 1990, following the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, to an informal exchange of views among members of the Council, with the active participation of the executive heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, on this theme. The discussions would assist the Council in preparing for a high-level in-depth consideration of the theme in the context of its multi-year work programme over a period of two days in 1991;

(b) In connection with the major policy theme for 1991, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) (iii) of Council resolution 1988/77, to discuss as an urgent and emerging issue the following theme:

The impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular, on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic co-operation.

The discussion of this theme shall be at a special meeting at an appropriately high level, without excluding the ministerial level, which shall be held on 4 and 5 July 1991, during the second regular session of the Council. The special meeting shall be separate from the regular proceedings of the Council and precede its general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments. In this connection, the Council shall:

18/ E/1990/17.

(i) Invite the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the Council, to take the necessary measures to ensure adequate preparation for the special meeting, including the possibility of proposing at the second regular session of 1990 appropriate modalities for that purpose;

(ii) Also invite all the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the successful outcome of the special meeting.

2. The Council established on a provisional basis, the following indicative multi-year work programme for the in-depth consideration of major policy themes during the period 1992-1994, which would be considered in the context of a high-level special meeting of the Council and a review of the current sessional arrangements. The list of themes would be be reviewed annually and adjusted on a roll-over basis as necessary and as stipulated in the relevant paragraphs of Council resolutions 1988/77 and 1989/114. In reviewing such a work programme, the Council should bear in mind the need to maintain a balance between social and economic issues, the work programmes of the organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the progress made in the revitalization of the Council.

1992

The international trade system and its impact on the development of the developing countries;

Eradication of poverty in the developing countries, including the impact of structural adjustment programmes on vulnerable groups;

1993

Environment and development;

Population, development and socio-economic indicators;

1994

Technology and industrialization in the development process of the developing countries;

International co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs.

3. The Council decided to request the President of the Council, in the context of the above, to continue his consultations between the organizational and the second regular sessions of 1990, on all relevant matters concerning the revitalization of the Council.

1990/206. Inclusion of Liberia in the list of the least developed countries

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 9 February 1990, the Economic and Social Council, having heard the statement by the representative of Liberia, 19/ decided to request the Committee for Development Planning to examine, at its twenty-sixth session, the eligibility of Liberia for inclusion in the list of the least developed countries and to submit its recommendation to the Council at its second regular session of 1990.

1990/207. Elections and appointments to subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions

(a) Elections

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 8 February 1990, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to elections to its subsidiary bodies:

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Council, pursuant to its resolution 1989/45, elected the following 13 members to the Commission on the Status of Women for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993: BAHAMAS, CYPRUS, ECUADOR, EGYPT, GHANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), JAMAICA, MALAYSIA, NIGERIA, UGANDA and ZIMBABWE.

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The Council elected ARGENTINA for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of (a) one member from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991; and (b) two members from Asian States, one for a te[illegible]eginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991 and one for a [illegible]rm beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The Council elected HUNGARY for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991.

19/ See E/1990/SR.4.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of (a) three members from African States, two for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990 and one for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991; (b) two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990; and (c) two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990.

POPULATION COMMISSION

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The Council postponed to a future session the election of (a) three members from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992; (b) five members from Asian States, two for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990 and three for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992; (c) seven members from Western European and other States: three for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990 and four for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992.

(b) Appointments

COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, the Council, on the nomination of the Secretary-General, 20/ appointed the following 24 members of the Committee for Development Planning for a three-year term expiring on 31 December 1992:

Abdlatif Y. Al-Hamad (Kuwait)

Gerassimos D. Arsenis (Greece)

Edmar Bacha (Brazil)

Prithvi Nath Dhar (India)

Karel Dyba (Czechoslovakia)

Just Faaland (Norway)

Ricardo Ffrench-Davis (Chile)

Tchabouré Aymé Gogue (Togo)

20/ See E/1990/11.

Keith Broadwell Griffin (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Patrick Guillaumont (France)

Mahbub ul Haq (Pakistan)

Ryokichi Hirono (Japan)

Helen Hughes (Australia)

Nicolai N. Liventsev (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

Solita C. Monsod (Philippines)

Henry Nau (United States of America)

Maureen O'Neil (Canada)

T. Ademola Oyejide (Nigeria)

Shan Pu (China)

Akilagpa Sawyerr (Ghana)

Udo Ernst Simonis (Federal Republic of Germany)

George Suranyi (Hungary)

Miguel Urrutia M. (Colombia)

Ferdinand Van Dam (Netherlands)

(c) Confirmation of representatives

3. At its 3rd plenary meeting, the Council confirmed the appointment of the following representatives, designated by their Governments, to serve on functional commissions of the Council:

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

W. Begeer (Netherlands)

Akakpo Koudaya (Togo)

Nikolai G. Belov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

POPULATION COMMISSION

Luz María Valdes (Mexico)

Arkadiy A. Isupov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Vappu Taipale (Finland)

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Marc J. Bossuyt (Belgium)

Marcos Castrioto de Azambuja (Brazil)

Vanias Markides (Cyprus)

Jacques Leprette (France)

Kojo Amoo-Gottfried (Ghana)

Miklós Endreffy (Hungary)

Farouk S. Zeyada (Iraq)

Francesco Mezzalama (Italy)

Norbert Ratsirahonana (Madagascar)

Dorab Patel (Pakistan)

Osvaldo Velasquez (Panama)

Purificación Valera-Quisumbing (Philippines)

Zivojin Jazic (Yugoslavia)

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Helen L'Orange (Australia)

Kadiatou Korsaga (Burkina Faso)

Sonia Martinez de Durán (Colombia)

Nadir Khan Khakwani (Pakistan)

Patricia B. Licuanan (Philippines)